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# Wesleyan Alumnae

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# Commencement Calendar

May 27 Through May 30, 1932

## THURSDAY, MAY 26:

Trustee Meeting, at which time portrait of Dr. W. F. Quillian, former president of Wesleyan, will be presented. The portrait is a gift to Wesleyan from the Board of Trustees and the artist, Helena E. Ogden Campbell, alumna.

## FRIDAY, MAY 27:

5:30 P. M.—Historical Party at Rivoli. Alumnae are asked to wear old-fashioned costume if possible. Dr. Anderson will speak on Wesleyan's Historical Collection.

8:30 P. M.—Play at Wesleyan Conservatory by Dramatic Art students.

## SATURDAY, MAY 28:

11:00 A. M.—Alumnae Association Business Meeting at Rivoli. Presentation of Reunion Classes.

1:30 P. M.—Lunch in Wesleyan College Dining Room for members of Reunion classes.

4:00 P. M.—Program on Wesleyan Campus. Dr. T. H. McHatton of the Georgia State College of Agriculture will speak on plans for beautifying the Wesleyan campus. Reunion classes will plant Virginia Creeper on the buildings.

8:30 P. M.—Musical Soiree and Graduation Exercises of Wesleyan Conservatory.

## SUNDAY, MAY 29:

8:30 A. M.—Alumnae Morning Watch Service in Grand Parlor.

11:30 A. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon in Gymnasium by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, professor of Christian Doctrine at Duke University.

8:30 P. M.—Sacred Concert by Wesleyan Conservatory of Music.

## MONDAY, MAY 30:

11:00 A. M.—Graduation Exercises, Wesleyan College, Rivoli. Literary Address by Dr. William D. Hooper, professor of Latin at The University of Georgia.



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### REUNION CLASSES

1870, 1871, 1872, 1873,

1874, 1875, 1876, 1877

1893, 1894, 1895, 1896

1912, 1913, 1914, 1915

Golden Anniversary Class, 1882

Are you coming to Wesleyan Commencement this year?

Especially if this is your reunion year, you should not miss it. The program is to be interesting and different from any we have ever had. For the first time the "big party" for all alumnae is to be on Friday afternoon. It will be historical in tone, with Dr. Anderson to talk about our historical collection, and all the wonderful old programs and essays, and diplomas and dresses that have been presented to the Wesleyan museum on display. Alumnae are asked to wear old-fashioned costume. (It will be a gathering, no doubt, very much like the one which celebrated the breaking of the ground for new Wesleyan six years ago. But how different a campus this year!)

The portrait of Dr. W. F. Quillian by Helena E. Ogden Campbell, presented at the Board Meeting on Thursday, will be exhibited at this time.

Saturday morning the annual business meeting of the Alumnae Association will be held, with each reunion class in a body, telling of how it made Wesleyan famous. The class cup will be awarded at this time. The reunion classes will have special tables in the dining room for lunch, their Macon members being invited to have lunch with the out-of-town members who will be guests of Wesleyan in the dormitories.

Saturday afternoon, Dr. T. H. McHatton, of the University of Georgia will tell us about the plans for beautifying the campus. Each reunion class will plant Virginia Creep-

er on the buildings.

On Saturday evening the graduation exercises of the Conservatory and the musical Soiree will take place in the conservatory chapel.

On Sunday, the Rev. Gilbert Theodore Rowe, Litt. D., professor of Christian doctrine at Duke University, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Dr. Rowe is a graduate of Trinity College, Temple University, and Duke University. He served pastorates in North Carolina since 1896, was in 1920-21 editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and later editor of the Methodist Quarterly Review. He was a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference in London in 1921.

The annual Sacred Concert will be given at Wesleyan Conservatory in the evening.

Graduation exercises will take place Monday morning, May 30, with Dr. William D. Hooper, professor of Latin of the University of Georgia, as the literary speaker. Dr. Hooper received the A. B. degree from Hampden-Sidney College, The A. M. and Litt. D. degrees from the University of Georgia. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and is ex-president of the Southern Association of Colleges. He is known to be an unusually charming speaker on literary and particularly on classical subjects.

Dr. Hooper, Dr. Joseph S. Stewart, and Dean Leon P. Smith of Wesleyan were the organizers of the Georgia Association of Colleges in 1915, Dean Smith being its first president.



# The Loyalty Fund

As the magazine goes to press, the Loyalty Fund for 1932 nears the \$1,000 mark, this amount having come in within the past two weeks.

It comes from 50 alumnae, some of whom gave more than the suggested \$25.00, making the average gift so far \$20.00. Several alumnae voluntarily pledged to increase their gifts within the next few weeks to help meet the August interest payment. The gifts have been for \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$25, \$30, \$50, and \$100.

Surely the other 4,450 Wesleyan girls will do their part also, and this crisis in Wesleyan's career will be passed safely!

## "Through the Years—"

Among the first gifts to the Loyalty Fund were two which show that Wesleyan is in the hearts of her daughters whether their schooldays were spent behind the high walls that used to surround the old college or on the new Rivoli campus.

A graduate of the class of 1870, for 56 years a teacher of art, was one of the first to send a contribution to the Emergency Loyalty Fund. And Martha Cooper, A.B., '31, sent a generous portion of her first salary check, saying, "I wanted Wesleyan to have this from the first money I made."

## They Say—

One letter accompanying a \$25 check said: "While I am not an alumna, I want to send a little gift with best wishes for the success of the fund."

Another said: "I am enclosing my check. I am sorry it is not more, for it does not measure my love for my Alma Mater, which cannot be estimated in dollars."

A member of the class of '24 writes: "I received the appeal from Wesleyan last week, and am gladly enclosing check for \$25 as a Loyalty Gift. I am glad to do what I can and wish I might do more, for not a week passes but that in some way I am proud to be a Wesleyan graduate. I hope the crisis will be passed safely and that Wesleyan and all her daughters will be saved the impending embarrassment."

## The Clubs

Wesleyan alumnae clubs in several places are rallying to Wesleyan's need also.

In addition to their Loyalty Fund gifts through their classes, Macon alumnae sponsored a concert by Joseph Maerz, Director of Wesleyan Conservatory, on May 9. The Conservatory chapel was packed, and the audience was enthusiastic in their appreciation.

Thomasville alumnae had a Wesleyan Luncheon booth at the Rose Show on May 13, to make money for the college.

Columbus is sponsoring a musicale by Mr. and Mrs. Maerz.



# Nominee For Alumnae Trustee

NETTIE (DUNLAP) WORTHAM

By Edith (Stetson) Coleman, Trustee

Rejoicing as I do in belonging to a generation who inherited ideals shaped by admired elders, no name could have been presented as a nominee for the Alumnae Trusteeship whose owner, to my mind, so actually "fills the bill" of requirements for an ideal Trustee as that of Nettie (Dunlap) Wortham, Class of 1875.

When some thirty years ago Mrs. Alice Culler Cobb of sainted memory, faculty member and lady Principal of Wesleyan for thirty-five years, told me that she visualized laity rights for women in Methodism and was working with all her might that women might some day sit on the Board of Trustees of Wesleyan, I could but ask—for to me at that time the Wesleyan Board of Trustees seemed the most august and most revered body in the land),

"What woman could be worthy of such a position, Mrs. Cobb? Who could meet your requirements for such a lofty place?"

Quickly she listed her requirements and named several women who to her way of thinking could fill those requirements admirably. No wonder my heart rejoices that today her prophecy is being fulfilled in that Nettie Dunlap Wortham has consented to accept this nomination.

Mrs. Wortham is eminently suited to this honored position. Married for 49 years to Henry Mason Wortham (deceased), son of a fine old Virginia family, she is the eldest of a family of five sisters and a brother, all noted for their charm, their culture and the warm-hearted hospitality of their beautiful homes, the daughter of Samuel Scott and Mary Elizabeth Burge Dunlap, who were devout Methodists and loyal supporters of Christian education for women.

At one time in the history of Wesleyan, Samuel Scott Dunlap, father of Mrs. Wortham, was one with several others who by timely aid with a gift of five thousand dollars each, took his place among the saviours of the College.

Later, in the Greater Wesleyan Campaign, his son, Samuel Scott Dunlap, Junior (deceased), and his sisters contributed a like amount. Others in this family have shown

splendid generosity and fine loyalty to Wesleyan so that this honor falls upon shoulders of one of a family listed high among Wesleyan's benefactors.

Mrs. Wortham's interests and achievements, though she modestly speaks of herself as a "worker in home and garden" and says she has never had any greater ambition than to be known as "a good housekeeper," make a beautiful contribution to the civic and cultural life of Macon.

When the Athenaeum, a cultural organization, was Macon's pride, Mr. and Mrs. Wortham were interested members and entertained this club among other organizations most brilliantly in their home.

At one time the Macon Public Library fell into abysmal depths and seemed gasping out its last breath. This lovely lady threw herself with others into a successful movement to save it.

When the city of Macon so needed a hospital, Macon women, headed by the beloved Miss Ida Holt (Wesleyan, '78), launched the



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plan to establish one. After its establishment a wise head was needed to direct the work so Mrs. Wortham, though a young woman for such a stupendous undertaking, was called to the Chairmanship of the Macon Hospital Auxiliary and guided this noble work to success through many anxious days.

During the World War, it was she who because of her fine business acumen and influential position was appealed to and who put over the Victory Bond drive. As Macon's

Chairman of that loan and as a valuable worker in the local Red Cross Chapter, she gave unstintingly of her time and effort through many wearisome War days.

As our nominee for the position of Alumnae Trustee of Wesleyan College to be elected in 1932 for three year's services we could ask no more of this superb product of Wesleyan's former days than that she sustain her past record.

## Gifts of Historical Importance

The presentation of gifts to Wesleyan's historical collection will be a part of the program for the Friday afternoon party at Commencement. Opportunity will be given for any alumna who has an old diploma, program, costume, newspaper clipping, or letter which she wishes to place in the collection to do so at this time.

These recent additions to the historical treasures at Wesleyan will give you an idea of what things we want to have for this collection.

### "CONSTITUTION AND RECORD OF ALUMNEAN ASSOCIATION"

Minnie (Bass) Burden has presented to Wesleyan early minutes of the "Alumnean Association of Wesleyan Female College," dating back to 1866. It is handsomely bound in red leather with gold lettering, and contains the names of every Wesleyan graduate from the first class through 1877, written in the flowery, shaded hand-writing of that day.

There is a copy of a newspaper story in which the alumnae expressed their appreciation to George I. Seney for his first gift of \$50,000 to Wesleyan.

A printed program of the Triennial Reunion of the Alumnae held in 1900, and a pamphlet, "A Plea for the College" by Ella (Anderson) Clark, and printed at the request of the trustees and alumnae of Wesleyan, are pasted in the book.

### COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM, 1849

A commencement program, dated July 12, 1849, was given to Wesleyan by Mrs. W. B. Smith (Mary Greene), Granddaughter of Ann E. Persons, A member of the class of

'49, who appears on the program reading an original composition with the serious title, "The Power of the Pulpit".

### ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS LETTER

A letter written by Alexander Hamilton Stephens, vice-president of the Confederacy, and staunch friend of Wesleyan and of women's education in the early days of the first college for women, has been presented to the Wesleyan Library by Dr. Robert Stephens, a great nephew of the Confederate leader, and husband of Lucy (Evans) Stephens.

### "THE MAGNOLIA"

J. Ellsworth Hall, Sr., Macon attorney, and husband of May (Kennedy) Hall, Recently presented to the Candler Memorial Library a bound volume of "The Magnolia," an early Southern magazine, published at Savannah, in 1841.

It was the successor to "The Southern Ladies Book", which was published in Macon for ten months by Dr. George F. Pierce, the first president of Wesleyan, and Phillip C. Pendleton, father of C. R. Pendleton, editor and publisher of The Macon Telegraph.

### DIPLOMA OF 1844

The diploma of Eliza Martin, dated July 11, 1844, was presented to Wesleyan by the three granddaughters of Eliza Martin Jarratt and the great granddaughters of Rev. Elijah Sinclair, one of the founders of Wesleyan, Fannie H. Scott, Mrs. W. A. Reeves, of LaGrange, and Mrs. C. P. Williams of Atlanta.

The diploma was brought to Wesleyan by Mary (Park) Polhill, formerly president of the LaGrange Wesleyan Club.



# The Inauguration of President Anderson

*Much of the following is taken from a front-page newspaper story of the inauguration which appeared in the Macon Telegraph on Saturday, April 9. Pictures of the inauguration appeared in both Atlanta and Macon papers, and in the New York Times. Stories of the event were printed in practically every newspaper in the state and in many out-of-state papers.*

In a blaze of such academic glory as never flared before for the president of a Georgia college, Dr. Dice Robins Anderson was inducted Friday as chief executive of Wesleyan College while men and women from near and far watched in resplendent robes symbolizing highest learning.

It was the meeting of scholars from hundreds of universities and hundreds of classes. It was the Nation's finest learning symbolized in men and women. It was the convocation of men and women who had known one another long ago and met again to honor a new college president.

Speakers told of the traditions of old Wesleyan and predicted a glamorous future for the new.

The program, which continued all day and late into the night, began at Mulberry Street Methodist Church, where hundreds of men and women bustled and waited for the academic procession to begin. It was about 10:30 in the morning and the sun was golden and hot. In the Gothic courtyard of the church, those in caps and gowns of past centuries in England presented a strange contrast to the persons who walked about in their present day clothes. It was like today superimposed on forgotten yesteryears.

Then the procession was ready to start. Heads of pretty young women appeared above the stately personless folds of black. Learned, greying heads were bowed beneath stiff caps with golden tassels. They walked down First street to the City auditorium, led by Dr. S. L. Akers, chief marshal.

Inside the auditorium Mrs., Doris Onderdonk Jelks was playing on the organ rolling chords of the Tanhauser march. The unrobed marchers entered, and the wearers of caps and gowns came streaming in: the student marshals with their red tasseled caps; the Wesleyan seniors and the Mercer student representatives with their black robes; the presidents of near and distant universities, formal in robes and gorgeous hoods.

The predominant black of the robes section was slashed with royal purple, forest

green, golden yellow, cardinal red, and rose pink in the hoods. The sight was astonishing.

Finally everybody was in the auditorium, and hundreds of others were present in the balcony and in the side sections. On the stage, doubtless, were the owners of more college degrees than ever sat there on any other occasion.

## ORDER OF EXERCISES

The Invocation—

Bishop Henry Judah Mikell, A.M., B.D., D.D., LL.D.

The Welcome from the City of Macon—

The Honorable Glover Glendenning Toole, Mayor.

The Introductory Remarks—

Bishop William Newman Ainsworth, A.B., D.D., LL.D.

The Program of Addresses—

Address — William Preston Few, A.B., A.M. Ph.D., Litt.D., LL.D., President of Duke University.

Inaugural Address—

Dice Robins Anderson, A.B., A.M., Ph.D., LL.D., President of Wesleyan College.

The Greetings—

Greetings from the Women's Colleges of the Country — David Allan Robertson, A.B., Litt.D., LL.D., President of Goucher College.

Greetings from the Educational Forces of Georgia—Charles Mercer Snelling, A.M., Sc.D., Chancellor of the University of Georgia.

Greetings from the Faculty of Wesleyan College—Leon Perdue Smith, A.B., M.S., Dean of Wesleyan College.

Greetings from the Faculty of Wesleyan Conservatory of Music and School of Fine Arts—Joseph Maerz, Director of Wesleyan Conservatory of Music and School of Fine Arts.

Greetings from the Alumnae of Wesleyan College — Mrs. Charles Crawford Hinton, A.B., National President of Wesleyan Alumnae Association.



Greetings from the Students of Wesleyan College—Miss Virginia Townsend.

Greetings from the Students of Wesleyan Conservatory of Music and School of Fine Arts—Miss Gladys Leavitt.

The Alma Mater ..... The Audience  
The Benediction

The Reverend William Robert Mackay  
The Recession—March ..... DuBois

### LUNCHEON AT WESLEYAN CONSERVATORY

The official guests made their way after the morning exercises to the Conservatory, where the halls were soon crowded with men and women of learning from many states and with alumnae met again as in classes of their school days.

When luncheon was served in the great dining-room, dogwood blossoms in the windows, and iris-studded bowls of azaleas gave a spring-like glow when the sunshine flooded through, or April clouds and raindrops shed a warm grey. Pretty Conservatory students in pretty dresses, wearing fluffy crepe aprons of purple and lavender were waitresses. Polly (Pierce) Corn, president of the Macon Wesleyan Alumnae Club, was in charge of the luncheon and had a Committee of tireless and efficient Macon alumnae as her assistants.

Mr. W. D. Anderson, chairman of the building and finance committee of the Board of Trustees, presided. The speakers of the occasion included: Dr. Walter Hullihen of the University of Delaware, Mr. Orville A. Park, vice-chairman of the Board, Dr. S. V. Sanford, President of the University of Georgia, Dr. J. R. McCain, president of Agnes Scott College, Dr. Harry Stillwell Edwards, Georgia author, Dr. Alfred Kern, professor of English at Randolph-Macon College, Dr. Spright Dowell, president of Mercer University, Dr. W. F. Quillian, former president of Wesleyan, and Dr. Willis A. Sutton, past president of the National Education Association.

### THE GARDEN PARTY

One of the most beautiful and festive events of the Inauguration was the Garden Party on the Rivoli campus in the afternoon.

After threatening clouds in the morning and a shower at noon, the sun came out brilliantly for the Garden party, and rolling

green lawns of the campus were never as lovely as they were when the guests began to arrive.

Wesleyan students in dainty, old-fashioned dresses of pastel shades served punch, cakes, sandwiches and mints. Miss Maude Chaplin, head of the department of home economics, was chairman of the Garden Party committee.

The guest list for this occasion included "delegates to the inauguration, students and faculties of college and conservatory, Macon civic and literary clubs, alumnae of Wesleyan and their friends", and the spacious Wesleyan campus dotted with hundreds of men and women who had come to do honor to the new president, with representatives of every Wesleyan class from 1862 to 1932, and with charming Wesleyan girls as hostesses.

Photographers took pictures of the scene which appeared later in out-of-town newspapers.

### THE DINNER

The formal dinner given in the evening at Wesleyan was a fitting close for the memorable day. Three hundred guests accepted the invitation, and the beautiful Wesleyan dining room sparkled with flame-tipped candles in silver candelabra. With caps and gowns exchanged for evening dress, the impersonal academicians of the morning became laughing men and women.

The toastmistress, Mrs. Dorothy (Blount) Lamar, had planned a program of humorous speeches, and a spirit of good fellowship was the keynote of this closing event of the inauguration. The speakers' table was on a raised platform along the terrace side of the dining room and bore places for a number of distinguished guests.

The speakers were:

Dr. Walter Anthony, pastor Mulberry Street Church; Dr. J. J. Tigert, President of the University of Florida; Dr. C. R. Jenkins, trustee and former president of Wesleyan; Dr. W. K. Greene of Duke, former dean of Wesleyan; President R. E. Blackwell of Randolph-Macon; President Guy E. Snavely of Birmingham - Southern; Professor W. D. Hooper of the Association of Colleges; Mr. Mark Etheridge of The Macon Telegraph; Dr. D. R. Anderson.



SUPPLEMENT TO

# THE WESLEYAN ALUMNAE

May, 1932

## BALLOT FOR ALUMNAE TRUSTEE

The nominating committee of the Wesleyan Alumnae Association suggests only one name for Alumnae Trustee to succeed Linda (McKinney) Anderson, whose term expires this year.

Nettie (Dunlap) Wortham, A.B., '75, of Macon, Georgia, is the candidate.

Let us give her an enthusiastic voting!

If you are in favor of Mrs. Wortham as Alumnae Trustee, please return this slip (with your Loyalty Fund contribution, unless you have already contributed).

Enclosed is \$..... as my contribution to the Loyalty Fund.

or

I have already contributed \$..... to the Loyalty Fund.

Signed: Married Name .....

Maiden Name ..... Class .....

Address .....